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SUBJECT: REVISION OF MBFR DATA

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1. USG SUPPORTS THE THRUST OF PARA 4, 5, 6 OF REFTTEL.
SPECIFICALLY, WE SEE A NEED FOR (A) PRODUCING ROUGHLY SEMI-
ANNUAL UPDATES OF MAJOR MBFR RELEVANT (DATA) ON WARSAW PACT
AND NATO FORCES AND, (B) ESTABLISHING A ROUTINE PROCEDURE
FOR ADDITIONAL NATO AGREED INTELLIGENCE ON WARSAW PACT

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FORCES TO MEET DEMANDS IN MBFR.

2. THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF RECENTLY COMPLETED TERMS OF REFERENCE CONFERENCE FOR MC-161/74 NOTES THAT MC-161 IS TOO INFREQUENT AND TOO GENERAL A DOCUMENT TO PROVIDE THE DATA ON WARSAW PACT FORCES REQUIRED BY THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. AT THE CONFERENCE A RECOMMENDATION WAS FORMULATED THAT THE IMS SHOULD QUOTE GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN MCM DOCUMENT CONTAINING ALL MBFR DATA CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED. IT WOULD BE INITIALLY CONSTITUTED BY TRANSFERRING TO IT THE RELEVANT PARTS OF THE MC-224 DOCUMENT, AND ADDING TO THOSE ANY FURTHER DATA FOUND NECESSARY BY THE NATIONS OR BY IMS. END QUOTE.

3. AS REPORTED IN USDELMC BRUSSELS 605/74, THE IMS REP TO THE MC-161 CONFERENCE SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING ELABORATION

OF THE MCM CONCEPT:

- A. NATION OR NATIONS SUBMIT DATA IN TABULAR FORM TO IMS FOR THE PREPARATION BY IMS OF A DRAFT MCM.
- B. DRAFT MCM WOULD BE CIRCULATED TO NATIONS FOR AGREEMENT.
- C. IF THERE IS DISAGREEMENT, IT THEN MIGHT BE RESOLVED BY AN INFORMAL MEETING OF STAFF OFFICERS IN BRUSSELS.
- D. IF THERE IS STILL NO AGREEMENT, THEN DIFFERENCES COULD BE RESOLVED BY A SPECIAL MEETING OF RELEVANT EXPERTS.
- E. THE APPROVED MCM WOULD BE SHOWN IN THE LIST OF REFERENCES IN MCM-161/224.

4. USG BELIEVES THAT MCM CONCEPT AS OUTLINED IS A WORKABLE AND EFFECTIVE STEP TOWARD ACHIEVING GOALS IN PARA 1 ABOVE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THST:

- A. UPON APPROVAL BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, THE MCM DEVOTED TO DATA ON WARSAW PACT FORCES FOR MBFR WOULD HAVE THE SAME STATUS AS MC-161/224.
- B THE MBFR WORKING GROUP THROUGH ITS CHAIRMAN, WOULD REVIEW THE PREPARATION AND CONTENTS OF THE MBFR MCM.
- C. REFERENCE WOULD BE MADE IN SUBSEQUENT MC-161/224 EDITIONS TO THE MBFR MCM AND INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THEM WOULD RAPIDLY BE CLARIFIED.
- D. NORMALLY THE MBFR MCMS WOULD BE-DRAFTED AND CIRCULATED ABOUT ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE 161/224 INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE

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ENCES, WITH A VIEW TOWARDS USING THESE CONFERENCES TO RESOLVE DISAGREEMENTS.

5. FOR USDELMC PASS TO IMS OUR ACCEPTANCE OF MCM CONCEPT OUTLINED IN USDELMC 605/74 WITH UNDERSTANDING OUTLINED IN PARA 4.

6. WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE REVIEWING OTHER ASPECTS OF MBFR

DATA PROCEDURE WITH VIEW TO ROUTINIZING ALL ASPE(TS OF PRO-
CESS. APPRECIATE VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF MBFRWG USING SIMI-
LAR MCM METHOB FOR INTERFACING DPQ NATO DATA AND OTHER
BASES INTO A SINGLE PERIODICALLY UPDATED BUT ON-LINE MBFR
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